

REMARKS

Claims 19, 27-32 and 41-43 are amended. Claims 1-18, 21, 39 and 40 were previously canceled. No further claims have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 19, 20, 22-38 and 41-43 remain under prosecution in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 28-32, 41, 42 and 43 were objected to based on various reasons set forth in pages 2 and 3 of the most recent office action. The undersigned has carefully reviewed all of the Examiner's objections and has made the appropriate amendments as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the undersigned believes that the claim objections are now overcome.

35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claims 19, 20, 22-38 and 41-43 are rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In each case where the Examiner has cited indefiniteness issues, the undersigned has closely reviewed the claims and has amended the claims to overcome the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection. Accordingly, the undersigned believes that claims 19, 20, 22-38 and 41-43 are no longer indefinites.

In the Drawings

Submitted herewith are five sheets of corrected drawings (Figs. 1-6B). These formal drawings reflect drawing changes which have been approved by the Examiner (paper no. 15).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Art of Record

None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in any of the pending claims and accordingly all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. (AP9974)64098-0878 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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